

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide which encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide which comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

4. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide which is complimentary to the polynucleotide of Claim 3.

5-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.

19. (Original) A vector comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 3.

20-23 (Canceled)

24. (Original) A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 1.

25. (Original) A host cell comprising the isolated polynucleotide of Claim 3.

26-29 (Cancelled)

30. (Original) The host cell of Claim 24, which is a *Coryneform* bacterium.

31. (Original) The host cell of Claim 25, which is a *Coryneform* bacterium.

32-35 (Canceled)

36. (Original) The host cell of Claim 24, wherein said host cell is selected from the group consisting of *Coryneform glutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum*, *Corynebacterium thermoaminogenes*, *Corynebacterium melassecola*, *Brevibacterium flavum*, *Brevibacterium lactofermentum*, and *Brevibacterium divaricatum*.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Original) The host cell of Claim 25, wherein said host cell is selected from the group consisting of *Coryneform glutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum*, *Corynebacterium thermoaminogenes*, *Corynebacterium melassecola*, *Brevibacterium flavum*, *Brevibacterium lactofermentum*, and *Brevibacterium divaricatum*.

39-82. (Canceled)

83. (Original) A method for making a β -subunit of RNA polymerase B, comprising:
culturing the host cell of Claim 24 for a time and under conditions suitable for expression of
the β -subunit of RNA polymerase B, and collecting the β -subunit of RNA polymerase B.

84. (Original) A method for making a β -subunit of RNA polymerase B, comprising:
culturing the host cell of Claim 25 for a time and under conditions suitable for expression of
the
 β -subunit of RNA polymerase B, and collecting the β -subunit of RNA polymerase B.

85-94 (Canceled)